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CAPITOL HILL REPORT

by Nancy Roth

This is the second monthly report to the community since I assumed the job of Executive Director of the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL). We will use this space on a regular basis to report on recent developments on Capitol Hill and on ways GRNL and other community organizations are responding to them. It's been a very busy—and promising—end of the year.

The 1984 Elections

The November elections made little change in the philosophical make-up of the new Congress. The new Senate will have a net gain of two progressive members—who may be sympathetic to gay people; the new House lost 4 or 5 members whom we might have expected to be supportive of our interests. All but one of the 74 co-sponsors of the Gay Civil Rights Bill in the House were reelected; none of the Senate co-sponsors sought reelection, although Senator Paul Tsongas of Massachusetts did choose to retire. Moreover, two-thirds of those who received contributions from the Human Rights Campaign Fund—the gay political action committee (PAC)—were elected.

In cooperation with the other national gay organizations, we intend to focus our efforts at gaining new co-sponsors for the gay rights bills on such new senators as Paul Simon (Illinois) and John Kerry (Massachusetts) and such new representatives as Chet Atkins (Massachusetts) and John Miller (Washington). Some of the current members will also be approached for co-sponsorship, members such as Senator Levin (Michigan) and Representative Conte (Massachusetts) and Schneider (Rhode Island). If you have any contacts with any of these members, especially if you are a constituent of one or another of them, please write letters and/or make phone calls and let them know of your support for their co-sponsorship. Please send us copies of any correspondence between you and any of them.

Gay/Lesbian National Leadership Forum

On November 30, representatives of 17 national organizations that have an interest in gay/lesbian issues met in Washington. The meeting was convened under the auspices of GRNL to discuss ways for national groups to cooperate on issues of common interest. For too long, there has been a lack of real cooperation among the gay and lesbian organizations, and this meeting was an attempt to begin a dialogue and work on a united strategy, not just with other political organizations, but with religious, health, social, and other kinds of organizations as well.

The meeting was characterized by frank and candid discussion of the problems facing us, agreement on the need for a higher degree of professionalism in our movement, and an obvious desire to

work together in the future. In that spirit, we agreed to meet again in March for a two-day session to exchange information of mutual interest on a regular basis, and to compile a directory of organizations that work on behalf of the gay and lesbian community.

GRNL Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of GRNL's Board of Directors had a meeting December 1 at which we discussed plans to improve our financial situation while gradually increasing the services that we provide. One highlight was the approval of a management plan which outlines our goals and objectives, our methods of operation, and our programs; this is an important step toward raising the level of professional management of our community operations. Copies of the management plan are available to any who are interested.

A realistic budget was approved by the Committee, one reflecting a financially stable period in which our debt will not be increasing. We discussed plans to pay off the debt, establish an Advisory Board, and hire an East Coast fundraiser. By making better use of volunteers and by expanding our membership base, we hope also to be able to expand our activities both on the Hill and through grassroots organizing.

Our legislative agenda for the coming year will include efforts to increase AIDS funding, pressing for repeal of the exclusionary provision of the nation's immigration laws, opposing anti-gay legislation and judicial nominees, promoting co-sponsorship of the gay and lesbian civil rights bills, and lending greater support to women's and traditional civil rights organizations on such issues as the Civil Rights Act of 1985.

Upcoming Strategy Meetings

In the coming weeks, I will be participating in meetings with other major national organizations to discuss legislative strategies. We will be working with the National Gay Task Force, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, and the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs to plan our strategy for gaining additional co-sponsors for the civil rights and immigration bills. I will meet with the Federation of AIDS-Related Organizations and NGTF to work on strategy for AIDS activities. I will also meet with representatives of Concerned Americans for Individual Rights (the moderate/conservative gay organization) and the National Coalition of Black Gays to discuss ways to coordinate educational activities. It is imperative that we cooperate with one another as we strive for common goals.

We look forward to working with you and for you in 1985 to make this a better country for all of us. Please send your comments to me, Nancy Roth, at GRNL, PO Box 1892, Washington, DC 20013.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Take a good look at the Treasury Department's new "tax simplification" plan, issued in a report facetiously entitled "Tax Reform for Fairness, Simplicity and Economic Growth."

Fairness has nothing to do with the tax plan. It is a deliberate, highly discriminatory and highly painful attack against gays and every single adult in this country.

The plan does simplify the current fourteen tax brackets into three: 15%, 25%, and 35%. But what rate you pay depends very much on your marital status. The 25% rate begins at an income level of \$31,000 if you're married, but \$19,000 if you're single. The 35% rate is at \$63,800 and \$38,100. The differences are so extreme they are staggering. The sharp tax cut for married persons is "balanced" with a sharp tax increase for single ones.

The effects are dramatic:

Income Level	Married Tax
1. \$20,000	\$ 3,000
2. 30,000	4,500
3. 40,000	10,000
4. 50,000	12,500
5. 60,000	15,000

Single Tax	Lifestyle Penalty
1. \$ 5,000	\$2,000
2. 7,500	3,000
3. 14,000	4,000
4. 17,500	5,000
5. 21,000	6,000

Single Tax—1983

1. \$ 3,376
2. 6,486
3. 10,323
4. 14,738
5. 19,473

To further shift the tax burden to single people, the proposal also includes a doubling of the dependent exemptions to \$2,000 which only increases the above disparities.

I urge all gays to treat this situation with the urgency it deserves. Tell the folks in Washington about our own 10%. Ten percent of the voting population, enough to swing most any election and to put most any politician out of office. Isn't ten percent of your income worth a few letters?

Sincerely,
Ken
(Atlanta, GA)

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CIA MUST REINSTATE FIRED HOMOSEXUAL

A federal judge recently ruled that the CIA acted improperly when it fired an employee who admitted that he was a homosexual without giving him an explanation for the dismissal.

The judge said that although some of the CIA's personnel decisions must remain secret, the agency does not have unlimited discretion in its handling of employees and the decision "to terminate the plaintiff's employment was improper, unreasonable, an abuse of discretion and both procedurally and substantively flawed."

The judge ordered the CIA to reinstate the plaintiff, identified only as John Doe in the lawsuit, to an administrative leave status within 30 days. John Doe is to remain on the leave until the agency gives him a hearing so he can learn why he was dismissed.

In June 1973, John Doe, then 17, went to work for the CIA as a clerk typist. Four years later, he was promoted to an electronics-technician position. In 1978, he was selected for participation in the agency's upward-mobility program and was by that time no longer a probationary employee.

In January 1982, Doe volunteered that he was homosexual. Told that he was in violation of CIA regulations, he was placed on administrative leave on Feb. 2, 1982 and was fired May 11.

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TV'S "NOVA" TO DISCUSS AIDS

The challenge to modern science presented by the mystery of the dread disease known as AIDS, which is being called the "disease of the century," will be discussed during February by the prestigious TV program NOVA. NOVA's "AIDS: Chapter One," will be aired Tuesday, February 12 on PBS (check local listings).

"AIDS: Chapter One" takes viewers back to 1981, when the first clues appeared. Doctors in Los Angeles, New York, and San Francisco were reporting a highly unusual pneumonia and rare form of skin cancer in otherwise healthy, young homosexual men. Although the two diseases are vastly different from one another, a pattern was emerging: Both were signs of breakdown in the body's immune system.

NOVA picks up the trail in Atlanta where the job of fitting together the early pieces of the puzzle fell to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), whose epidemiologists investigate the causes and control of epidemics. NOVA talks to the medical detectives at the CDC who sifted through the evidence, searching for the who, what, when, and where of the deadly ailment.

The hunt for the "why" of AIDS makes up the rest of NOVA's modern-day detective story. The chase intensifies when two laboratories—one in Bethesda, Maryland, the other in France—close in simultaneously on the lethal culprit.

All this is played out against a very human backdrop—the on-going struggle of people who are fighting for their lives. NOVA talks with AIDS patients and their doctors as they watch for signs that treatment methods will be found.

State Employees Protected in Illinois

Some 13,500 state employees in Illinois are now protected against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. A memo of understanding was recently signed by the state's Bureau of Personnel and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

The new contract covers technical and professional employees, such as accountants, social workers, psychologists—some 125 job titles in all. The inclusion of the anti-gay discrimination clause came after a six-year effort by the union.

The memo makes sexual orientation a "non-merit factor" for employment, along with a long list of other characteristics. Non-merit factors cannot be used to determine a worker's employability. The memo format was used to avoid raising the anger of anti-gay legislators.

Suppressed Novel To Be Published

A long-suppressed novel by William Burroughs is due for release in 1985 by Penguin Books. *Queer*, a chronicle of life in the gay underground of the 40s, was considered unpublishable when Burroughs wrote it in 1951. But publishing standards have changed in the intervening years.

Burroughs—now 70 years old—is regarded as a literary figure on the order of Yeats or Ezra Pound. He has also been called the senior figure in the post-war American literary movement that includes Alan Ginsberg and Jack Kerouac. Other notable works by the openly gay author include *Cities of the Red Night*, *The Wild Boys*, and *Naked Lunch*.

HOROSCOPES FOR THE HORNEY

by Dr. Pat Larr

PICES (Feb 19-Mar 20): Happy Birthday, Kid! Something long and slippery slides into your life on the 10th. Yes, the old snake in the grass of yours is back.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20): You wake up cheek to cheek with someone new and exciting mid-month. Aren't you glad you don't wear PJs?

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21): What's that strange throbbing you feel below the belt? Yes, it's time to reach for the Roloids. The stars say it's time to diet again.

GEMINI (May 22-Jun 20): So diplomatic, you've got that special someone in the palm of your hand. Time for a hand job?

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22): Is it really better to give than to receive? Try the reverse for a change. That special someone has been all too passive lately. This should perk them up.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22): Are you going to take this kind of treatment lying down? Don't let that special someone walk all over you unless you like it. You're not a Welcome mat anymore.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22): Big celestial doings in the coming weeks. Could your heart's desire be on its way? You'll find yourself in the Milky Way when you find the true meaning of the term "shooting star."

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22): Your magnetic personality sends out shock waves just now. Give that special someone a jolt with your bolt.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 22): You find yourself hog-tied mid-month. That special someone harnesses you with unreasonable demands. Maybe you should whip them back into shape (or let them whip you?).

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21): Now is the time to sow those wild oats for the Spring Harvest. Don't spread your seed too thin and you'll soon be seeing lots of little things grow.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20): Joint ventures get you throbbing with excitement this month. That special someone is especially cooperative right now. Insist that they make your wildest fantasies come true. This could be your big chance to do the really kinky stuff.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 18): Yes, you can read that special someone like a book right now, but so what? Are you going to start a new volume, or insert your bookmark in a new edition?

FAUX PAS

by Edwards E. Kett

Dear Edwards Kett,
I try to play it as straight as possible at work. As of now I don't think anyone at the office suspects I am gay, but the other day a friend told me that some of the jock-type assistant managers in the building have been making fag jokes about me. What do you suggest I say to these guys that will get them to stop making cracks about me? I wouldn't want their remarks to get back to my boss.

Yours
Algernon

Dear Algernon,

If you're looking for rude comebacks from me, you're talking to the wrong person! In this instance, a gentleman never fights fire with fire. You're only playing it straight because that's the behavior expected of you. If they're not happy with your portrayal, that's their problem. They probably wouldn't be happy if you came out as a flaming faggot either, so let those remarks roll off your back as best you can.

Dear Mr. Kett,

I always invite a gay friend of mine to every party and/or social gathering I have, and she always seems to have a good time. Yet I have never been invited to her place for anything. It seems she only throws straight parties and I'm not straight looking enough for her. Anything I can do to remedy this unfair situation?


Ever,
Svetlana

Dear Svetlana,

Yes. For goodness sake, don't even dream of inviting her again.

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Modern Music

by Michael J. Maier
1984: A Year Unto Itself

New Wave, dance music, The Jacksons, Prince, Lionel Richie, and Bruce Springsteen could easily characterize the pop music scene on the surface for the year; but 1984, music wise, was not as dull or limited as some of my fellow journalistic colleagues would make it out to be. It was a year of historic musical growth and principles. The music industry came to terms with itself and the record/video-hungry consumer market. Some principles and happenings were subtle and some not.

Out of these musical happenings, British Techno-Rockers showed they could do it best and with colorful style and fashions—Eurythmics, Culture Club, Thompson Twins, U2, Wham, Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Duran Duran, Ultravox, Talk Talk, and Big Country. Each group youthful, fresh (with the exception of Duran Duran and the Culture Club having chosen commercialism over artistic worth), and proficient. A silvery touch of Hollywood glamour concepts and showmanship spiced this overseas wave, as if looks seemed to be as or more important. Seemingly each group had the polishing of a top New York Fifth Avenue advertising firm on their payroll and in good use.

It was a year of visuals and imagery, though MTV and music videos became part of the norm instead of being something different, showing that cable TV music channels have become just another level of the pop-music scene that people seem to be paying less overt attention to.

American acts showed that when you need to rock n' roll, that's just what you do. Bruce Springsteen, Prince, Lionel Richie, and Michael Jackson led the American forces. On the part of Springsteen and Jackson, they gave us better visual stimulation than their albums' products offered, becoming tired after a few spins. Prince broke into the mass mainstream (white) with what could be one of rock music's most successful films ever, *Purple Rain*. Even though it seemed to be one long music video with slight and at times blighted acting, it caused Prince to emerge as a serious and creative force for the mid-eighties. The movie's soundtrack did bring clean, fresh, but thought-evoking material. One of the year's best.

Lionel Richie's album "Can't Slow Down" might best be described as "Richie's Greatest Hits," making him the

year's success story and second most popular song writer in history after Irving Berlin, a most serious artist, far ahead of Michael "Pepsi" Jackson. "Love Will Find A Way," "Penny Lover," "Stuck On You," "All Night Long," "Hello" and "Running With The Night" are some of the year's class acts.

Unusual Cyndi Lauper ("She's So Unusual") found a niche in the heart of rock fans by the millions. She made musical history as the most success-oriented female debut artist and was clearly the brightest new talent of the year. Motown born Madonna captivated the music industry with her self-assured r&b/pop style creating what is now a star, but very commercial with the release of her second LP.

Black music made its strongest comeback into the pop genre through the success of the New York "Beat Box" that has planted itself along with Break Dancing into the heart of urban street pop cultures. "Let The Music Play," Shannon; "I Feel For you," Chaka Khan; "Let's Hear It For The Boy," Deniece Williams; "Swept Away," Diana Ross; and "Dancing In The Street," Shalamar are some of the more success-oriented records from this pop-musical style.

These records also helped expose and strengthen the importance and acceptance of the 12" dance remix, stimulating a whole new infectious level of dancing, filling urban and suburban dance halls once again.

It was a time for stunning comebacks as well—Tina Turner and the Everly Brothers, whose reunion album "EB '84" ranks as one of the top LPs of the year. Ms. Turner smashed out from the club scene with a tough soulful rocker, "Private Dancer," that puts this nearly forgotten soulster on top of the charts like never before in her career of 25 years plus.


In an over-all review, 1984 was an exciting year for pop artists and the recording industry as a whole. The music industry showed that it had recovered from its recessive period of the early eighties and could still make the nation dance and buy records in great quantities. 1984 was to pop music what 1979 was to the disco era. A great year with interests and historic setting trends with growth that will mark the way throughout the decade to come.

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Grandfather's Cupboard

by Charles E. Hall, Ph.D.
 Practitioner of
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(Note: This column is dedicated to acquainting its readers with the contents of our grandfathers' cupboards: the old-time foods, herbs, and exercises which our ancestors used to keep themselves in good health.)

POT-HERB

A few months ago, I was rummaging through the University of California's Medical School Library in San Francisco. I had heard that marijuana was being used in the treatment of cancer, and so I was checking the medical journals to see what the MDs were doing. Well, I found out. They synthesize it and give it to cancer patients who are on allopathic medications and have lost their appetites. It gives them the munchies! It's also a "miracle drug" for patients suffering from the nausea of chemotherapy.

Having discovered this bit of enlightenment, I turned to the *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs* (Vol 13, No. 1, 1981) and found an article by Mai Tuow of Harvard University: "The Religious and Medicinal Uses of Cannabis in China, India, and Tibet."

"Dig this!" I said.

So I read the article, copied it, and have since studied it. It turns out that several species of Cannabis, Himalayan, Nepalese, Thai, and others have been used as medicinal herbs for twenty centuries at least, and maybe even fifty centuries.

They didn't smoke the dried leaves. They preferred their Cannabis cooked—like brownies and tea, I thought. They used it for all metal-element illnesses and for excess-liver-yang ailments. Stress is one of these conditions. They ate some kind of oriental brownie, just a little bit, to relax with, but not enough to get high on.

Now isn't that news!

It was reported effective for metal-element diseases: those which affect the skin, mucous membranes, lungs, and large intestines like colds, pneumonias, parasites, KS, and swollen lymph glands.

Checking out other sources on marijuana as an herb, I came up with a few medicinal uses which I would like to share with you.

No. 1: Headache

A wet, fresh leaf on the forehead will stop a headache. Now I have yet to try this since I rarely get headaches; and a friend tells me that any green leaf might do, pot-herb or not.

No. 2: Stress Release

For stress release, brew a Cannabis tea. After boiling the water, let it cool down about 20 degrees for a few minutes. Add a small amount of dried leaves and let it steep for twenty minutes. Another friend calls it "drinking a cup of relaxation."

Even at today's prices, it's not an expensive tea, and it is better for sick people than inhaling the smoke.

William Tell Reviews:
"A Married Man"

In William Higgins' "A Married Man," it's the gossip gardner who reveals to the wife that her handsome actor husband has been making it with their chauffeur and houseboy. The gardner himself is busy throughout most of film getting it on with a hitchhiker played by Jack Wrangler.

Much of the story is seen through flashbacks as the gardner spills out the adventures like of the 'married man.' As in most Higgins films, the bodies are well developed and very busy. Although the film gave top billing to Jack Wrangler, it was actually Joe Roberts (the gardner) who appears in most of the footage.

Wrangler, who speaks with a phony southern accent, appears bored and mechanical throughout this easily forgotten film. He appears as if he were merely passing through the set.

Rather than being 'in the Higgins' tradition,' this film appears to be a cheap-jack production using big-name porno actors as bait for porno fans.

(In Sacramento, "A Married Man" is available for rent on VHS cassette at *Films For Days*.)

No. 3: Parasites

This is the best one! I asked my favorite herbalist down in Chinatown for some Cannabis seed and how he used it. He suggested it for parasites as does the *Barefoot Doctor's Manual*, a modern compendium of classic Chinese medicine. Here is his preparation:

Take ½ ounce of seeds (1 heaping tablespoon)—organic, please, and hold the paraquat! Crush them in a mortar with a pestle, or with a method of your choice. (Cuisanarts do very well when you're brewing a batch for the masses.) Simmer them in water for one hour. After evaporation, you want to end up with one cup of liquid. Don't forget to strain out the lumps. It has a rather bland taste like potato water.

Drink it up.

As it works, there may be a few intestinal cramps. If you use too much, you will get diarrhea. Don't bother with emptying your stomach first. Eat your meals as usual. One dose should do the job, but two doses may be necessary.

Since the intestines of most Americans seem to be lined with little lumps of very old food, the microscopic parasite spores can hide inside indefinitely. In fact, it is common for people to have repeated infestations for no apparent reason. Because of these repeated bouts of parasites, I think it would be a good idea to do Cannabis seeds once a month. According to the ancient Chinese tradition, the best time is just after the third quarter of the moon.

This is what the Chinese herbalist told me from his tradition of centuries of experience. I would like to add that a change of diet is necessary too.

Some of the foods most likely missing in the diet are bulk in the form of grain bran and variety of grains. For this I suggest branching out into corn for the fire element, rye and yellow millet for the earth element, short grain brown rice and oats for the metal element, and all kinds of beans, peas, and lentils for the water element. (A quick note of explanation here: In the Chinese medical system, humans are viewed as made up of fire, metal, water, wood, and earth elements, with each relating to a different functioning part of the organism.) Wheat along with barley is for the wood element. However, most people eating a western diet eat far more wheat than they need. Eat equal amounts of each grain during the week. The ways to use grains are many: cakes, breads, cookies, porridges, crackers, and quiche crusts.

No. 4: Open Sores

Finally, I discovered that a paste of ground pot seeds was once used as a compass for healing skin lesions, eruptions, and sores. Grind seeds and cook them for about an hour until a good paste forms. Smear it on the skin and wrap it up for a few hours until the paste is dry. Do this daily, preferably in the morning. Use a fresh mixture each time.

If you are into rituals, a votive light to the spirit-guardians of the hemp harvest is certainly in order.

GAME CORNER

Trivia Trial

(Answers are at the bottom.)

- What was the allied code name for President Franklin D. Roosevelt during World War II?
 a. Mr. Big
 b. Air Force One
 c. Cargo
 d. The President
- Who was the syndicated columnist who wrote "Washington Merry-Go-Round"?
 a. Joe McCarthy
 b. Drew Pearson
 c. Paul Windhell
 d. Earle Wilson
- How many stars appear on the Federation Flag in the TV series "Star Trek"?
 a. 5
 b. 13
 c. 3
 d. 50
- What is the size of a regulation boxing ring?
 a. 10 feet square
 b. 20 feet square
 c. 35 feet square
 d. 40 feet square
- What is the longest-running TV series?
 a. Meet The Press
 b. What's My Line?
 c. Gunsmoke
 d. The Twilight Zone
- Who was the ruler of the Land of Moo in the comic strip Alley Oop?
 a. Moped
 b. Ghingas Kahn
 c. King Guzzle
 d. Prince Lopez
- What is the term used in hockey when a player scores 3 or more goals in one game?
 a. Ace
 b. Razzler Dazzle
 c. Hot streak
 d. Hat trick
- What date appears on bottles of Smirnoff Vodka?
 a. 1925
 b. 1750
 c. 1818
 d. 1895

Answers: 1. c; 2. b; 3. b; 4. b; 5. a; 6. c; 7. d; 8. c

"Philosophy"

by Philip E. Ewoldsen

I have some friends who recently celebrated their 33rd anniversary. Two men together: enduring, surviving, prospering, growing, loving. Wow! And you know, I have a feeling that's not as uncommon as most of us think. Couples who have been together a number of years are not particularly visible. They grew up in an age more homophobic than today's and tend to be more closeted. Furthermore, such couples are not as much a part of the bar scene as are singles; they develop their own social circles with people having similar interests. Not seeing them, we tend to assume that they are not there.

Now it's true, the long-term survival rate for gay and lesbian relationships is not particularly good. In today's non-gay marriages, 40% will end in divorce. I'm sure our rate is worse, and with several good reasons:

- We tend to move into relationships far too soon, rather than taking the time to get acquainted, to develop a real sense of intimacy and love. We need to learn to date longer before making commitments.
- It's much easier for us to break up: no messy divorce courts, seldom children to worry about, no social stigma, and rarely an extended family urging us to stay together.
- We don't seem to value our relationships as much as we should. This is the one that bothers me the most.

How much value do we place on relationships? With all the time and effort we spend on looking for Ms./Mrs. Perfect, you would think we would really value and work at our relationships. But do we? I'm afraid too many of us don't respect relationships—either our own or others'.

It's true, we are not bound by traditional morality; and every couple has the right and the need to set their own sexual limits. The problem comes when we don't honor those limits. How many of us are all too happy to hop into the sack with the neat number down the block when their lover is out of town? How many of us who have lovers figure no one will know if we stop at a strange place and a little? How many of us get interested in one member of a couple and set out to break them up? How many of us get upset with our lover, go find someone else, then break up, rather than trying to work out the problem?

I'm disturbed at the number of couples who have no clear understandings of the limits of their relationship, and who seem unwilling to invest the work a "good" growing, healthy relationship takes. I'm also disturbed at the casual disregard those who are single have for the relationships around them.

We need to support each other, not cut each other up. We need to work at our relationships, not sneak around them. We need to honor our commitments, not merely follow our own selfish satisfactions.



THE KITCHEN FAIRY

Love: Laying It On The Table

It's the month of Valentine's Day, love buns! And when it comes, as it so often does, to love, cupid (a mere child who, rumor has it, is as straight as his arrows) has absolutely nothing on this Fairy! After all, one who would aim directly at the heart, certainly misses the seat of the matter!

Love, doll, is a flame that needs fanning—and if anyone knows about flaming, it's yours truly! Many's the time I have been stuck on, and vice versa! Ah, the rapture, the ecstasy of entanglement!!!

And, so, during this month of ardor and amour, this month when romance is in the pants and love is on the rise (oooh!), I have prepared a tantalizing love feast to seduce the senses. Filled with oral pleasures so you may eat your way to romantic bliss. Leisurely paced so you may linger over every mouthful, relishing the romance and the moment! Love long and hard, dears—and do enjoy:

Champagne
Beef Fondle
Fonde Sauces
Pinot Noir
Crusty French Bread
Nelly Roll
Coffee
More Champagne
BEEF FONDLE
(Serves: 2)

Fondling at your own pace is such a lovely way to eat up an evening! Faire du fondue?

Preparation Time: 30 min.
Cooking Time: As you go

Ingredients:

1 pound of beef tenderloin trimmed of fat and cut into 1½-inch cubes (Ah, the joys of a tender loin!)

1 bottle of peanut oil
1 can of small, whole new potatoes, drained

12 medium-sized, fresh mushrooms, washed and dried
1 large green pepper, cored, seeded, and cut into 2-inch squares
Fondle sauces (recipes follow)

Necessary equipment: Someone to fondle with. A fondue pot. Canned or liquid heat (this is one time your own flame won't do!). Fondue forks, for spearing your food like a hunky native (oooh, how positively primal!).

Preparation:

1. Arrange your meat, potatoes, mushrooms, and green pepper in their own little bowls.
 2. Heat about 1½ inches of oil in your fondue pot, on the stove, until a bread cube browns in about 1 minute.
 3. Put your liquid or canned heat in the slot provided in your fondue set and flame it. Put the hot oil over the flame.
 4. Now, it's every man for himself, dear! Spear the food with the fondue forks and plunge it into the hot oil. Cook till it is done just the way you like it.
 5. Remove the cooked food from the hot oil. And using a dinner fork, so first-degree burns don't put your mouth out of commission, dip the food into the sauce of your choice.
 6. Eat and repeat until the food is all gone or you're full...whichever comes first.
- NOTE: Crusty bread is wonderful for sopping up the juices that ooze from your meat.

FONDLE SAUCES

My dears, what is a fondle without the sauce? Anticlimactic!

Horsing Around Sauce:

1 Tablespoon Horseradish (known in some circles as Whores' Radish)
½ cup sour cream
¼ teaspoon lemon juice
¼ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
A dash of salt
A couple grinds of pepper
Swish it all together and refrigerate till serving.

Hot Sauce:

½ cup chili sauce
¼ cup chopped onion
1½ Tablespoons lemon juice
1 Tablespoon vegetable oil
1 teaspoon vinegar
½ clove garlic, pressed
½ teaspoon brown sugar (love my brown sugar!)

¼ teaspoon Tabasco
¼ teaspoon dry mustard
¼ teaspoon salt
Throw it all in a small saucepan and stir it up. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes. Serve warm.

NELLY ROLL

Leave the chocolate out of Valentine's Day, dear, and you might as well hang it up! This chocolate number is so light and fluffy that if it could walk, girl, it would swish! This means that while it satisfies the chocolate urge, it won't weigh so heavily as to impede late-night gymnastics!

Preparation Time: 30 min.
Baking Time: 10 min.

Ingredients:

1/3 cup corn starch
2 Tablespoons cocoa
1 teaspoon baking powder
3 eggs
1 egg white (save the yolk)
2/3 cup sugar
2 Tablespoons instant coffee
1 teaspoon hot water
¼ pound butter, softened
1 cup confectioners sugar
1 Tablespoon coca
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 egg yolk (the one you saved from above!)

Preparation:

1. Preheat your oven to 400 degrees.
 2. Line a jelly roll pan (11 x 15 inches) with waxed paper.
 3. Sift the corn starch, the 2 Tablespoons of cocoa and the baking powder into a bowl.
 4. In a large mixing bowl, beat up the 3 eggs and the egg white. Still beating (how butch, my dear!), add the sugar very gradually. Beat until the mixture is as light and fluffy as a fairy's tutu.
 5. One Tablespoon at a time, beat in the sifted stuff. Give the mixture a good beating after each addition.
 6. Spread your batter into the jelly roll pan and bake for 10 minutes or till the cake springs back when you touch it.
 7. Invert the cake onto a floured tea towel. Remove the waxed paper by carefully peeling it off and cover the cake with another towel. Let it cool.
 8. To make the filling: Cream the butter. Give it a good creaming, honey.
 9. Blend in the confectioners sugar and the Tablespoon of cocoa.
 10. Dissolve the coffee in the hot water.
 11. Add the coffee, vanilla and egg yolk to the butter and cocoa. Give it a good beating.
 12. Spread the mocha filling on the unfloored side of the cake. Spread it evenly.
 13. Roll up the cake from the short side to make a jelly roll—without the jelly!
- Love it up and have a wonderful Valentine's Day. And remember: The way to your man's heart might not be the stomach, but it will put you real close to where you want to be! Don't miss next month's column: March Blows Hard! Till next we eat, Yummy Down! and kiss, kiss...

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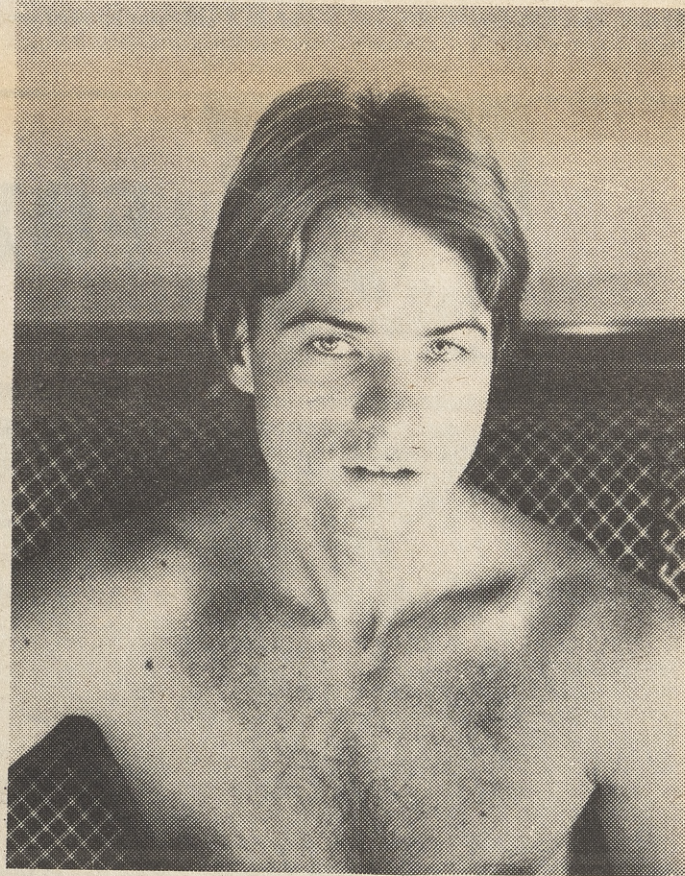
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Listening To Lavender

by Mme. Lavender Cantello

Dear Mme. Cantello,

Ron, my lover, enjoys going to church at the MCC. He's always after me to go too. Although I'm not at all religious, I might agree to do so just to keep the peace if it weren't for an embarrassing problem.

Ron sings very, very loudly during the service; but Lavender, he can't even begin to carry a tune and hasn't the faintest idea what music is all about. The poor choir director has to constantly come up with all sorts of excuses to keep Ron out of the choir. And Ron has always wanted to lead the congregational singing; his reasoning is that since he can sing louder, higher, and longer than anybody else in the congregation that it is his "duty" to be song leader. He resents the fact that the minister won't let him do it.

Lavender, this situation is especially distressing because I am a trained musician. While I'm not much of a singer, I'm an accomplished pianist and teach music in a local high school and have an MA degree in the field. Ron considers my attitude toward music to be fuddy-duddy and high-brow, worthy only of disdain.

Lavender, what shall I do about Ron and his so-called music? Several of my friends who are active in MCC have complained to me rather bitterly.

Hefner
(Ft. Wayne)

Hefner,
Your friends in MCC and you are

missing the whole point—Ron's singing expresses his devotion to his beliefs, not his worry about singing on tune. Seems to me that if concern for keeping in tune supercedes Ron's devoted presence and expressions of God's love, then that particular MCC is marching to a different tune all unto itself.

Sing out! The Lord undoubtedly listens most to those whose devotions are most inspired and whose songs in praise of Him are the loudest, highest, and longest. Tell the bitter complainers to flit off.

Dear Mme. Cantello,

My name is Orthran and I'm straight. Perhaps this is the first letter about a gay-related problem that you have ever received from a straight person.

I am a happily married (four kids), successful businessman. My business is a beauty salon which is known as La Maison des Femmes Tres Chics.

Background to my problem: Several of my employees are, I expect, gay men. I say "expect" because I really don't know for sure and couldn't care less. I hired them to do certain jobs and so long as they do their jobs satisfactorily and don't hinder others from doing likewise, then they're OK in my books. I never cosy up to my employees; rather, I make an effort to remain businesslike and somewhat aloof. I am concerned about their well-being to the extent that any businessman should be concerned for his employees.

My problem: I've hired my oldest child, a nice-looking boy (Ted age 16) to clean up the shop every day after school. He has complained to me that two of my

male employees have made suggestive remarks to him. He also says that some of his friends at school have teased him about having a "queer" for a father. Both my wife and I are concerned about this situation, but don't know what to do. We'd hate to make the situation worse. Do you have any suggestions?

Orthran

(Minneapolis)

Dear Orthran,

I can assure you this is not my first letter from a straight person with a gay-related problem.

Your son has expressed concerns that certainly should be addressed. First, you and your wife must sit down with your son. Assure him that the two of you have a 100% relationship with each other. If you are straight, be straight with him.

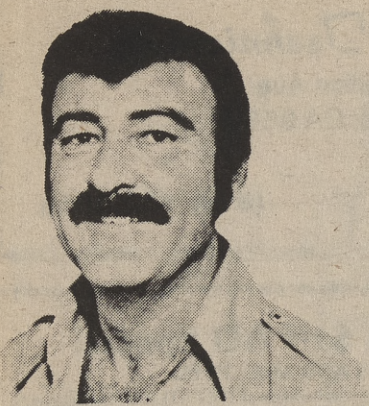
Second, you must teach him how to deal with the supposed queens in the shop. If he's interested in their remarks, be responsive and understanding. If he's not, tell him to simply say, "No, thank you. Please don't ask me again because your lifestyle is not my preference." That polite, direct approach is best. As to the friends at school—explain to him that there are always peer pressures one way or the other. There are always people who seek the level of trash because they don't have the brains to know any better. His best response is to be honest and direct—especially after having talked to you and his mother and being reassured.

(More "Lavender" on pg. 6)

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HONOLULU

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I prefer not to drive in Waikiki, as you can easily walk from your hotel to the beach, bars, restaurants, and shopping centers. Taxis are readily available, as are pedi-cabs, a sort of rickshaw on a bicycle. Of course, you will need transportation if you want to tour the island and visit Pearl Harbor, Diamond Head, Pale Lookout, Waimea Falls, Mormon Temple, Byodo-In Buddhist Shrine, Polynesian Cultural Center, University of Hawaii, or catch the big waves at Makaha.

Some years ago, I wrote that Hawaii was "a great place to take your lover"...and it still is...but you can also have a ball on your own! Hula's Bar at 2103 Kuhio (at Saratoga)—is an island institution. This super island disco attracts a multi-racial, unisex crowd with lots of pretty preppies. It has a beautiful outdoor patio with a huge Banyon tree strung with thousands of little lights. Just around the corner on Kuhio is Hamburger Mary's, and in between is 'Dirty Mary's, Oahu's cruelest macho hideaway. They have a small disco.

Pat's Cocktail Center at 435 Atkinson, opposite Ala Moana, is 'the' place for resident or visiting wahines (women). The Question Mark II and Do Jiggy are neighborhood bars catering to mostly older kanes (men). Hawaiian bars are open daily until 2:00 AM, but if you want to party and boogie later, head for the very mixed Wave Waikiki at 1877 Kala-kaua, or Marcel's, off the parking lot for the Island Colony Hotel at 445 Seaside. This is the current after-hours spot, and is busy nightly from 2-4 AM. For action any time, try the new Steamworks at 2139 Kuhio, the hottest bath between California and New Zealand.

The gay restaurants are the God-mother which features Italian fare; Richard's Stuffed Potato, a garden cafe; and Hamburger Mary's, which offers organic burgers with lots of alfalfa sprouts or whatever.

For great, straight dining, my favorites remain Michel's at Colony Surf, Bag-well's 2424, Canlis, Chez Michel, Colony Steak House, Hanohano Room, Matteo's Nick's Fishmarket, Protea, Ship's Tavern, The Summit, Third Floor, and at times the Maile Room at Kahala Hilton. Also very good but somewhat less expensive are Bobby McGee's, Buzz's Steak & Lobster, Chart House, John Domeni's, House of Hong, The Pottery, Tony Roma's Trattoria, and The Yacht Harbor. Avoid almost every place else, including luaus and dinner-boat cruises.

The gay-owned Hotel Honolulu at 376 Kaiolu, one block from all the Kuhio District "action," opened about Xmas 1982. At first, there was no air conditioning, but when I was back there this past August, the attractive managing partner told me it was being installed later that month. Fun and close to the bars. A lot

of gay kids stay at the Ambassador Hotel...and I like the condos at the Waikiki Shore.

For shopping and cruising, visit the new Kuhio Center, next to Hula's and Mary's...and don't miss the upstairs sex-porium, which is inaccurately called "80% Straight." You will see some of the most gorgeous numbers in the world along Waikiki Beach...but unfortunately, you will rarely find them in the bars. There are gay beaches, but I like the area in front of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel for swimming, sunning, and body surfing.

If I knew I could never return to Hawaii, it would be the same as "Paradise Lost." Beyond Oahu's obvious attractions are the diverse neighbor islands. You can find grand canyons, waterfalls, rugged coasts, sugarcane fields, and volcanic craters. Mahalo Hawaii for everything, and aloha until next time.

(For more detailed information, pick up a copy of the BOB DAMRON ADDRESS BOOK '85, America's foremost travel guide, available at most better bars, baths, and bookstores throughout America. Or send \$12 for your copy, which includes packing and shipping, to BOB DAMRON ENTERPRISES, INC., PO Box 14-077, San Francisco, CA 94114.)

More "Lavender"

(From page 5.)

Dear Lavender,

I have a lover problem. You see, I don't have a higher education, although I did finish high school. My lover, on the other hand, has about as much education as is available. Naturally, she knows most of the words in the language. With all that fancy education, it would be sad if she didn't.

Rose never uses big words when we're alone together. But often some of her friends from work come over. And when they do, they all end up using all those big words that I never had an opportunity to learn. I feel that this is a put-down and that Rose ought to inform her friends to use simpler and shorter words for my sake. When I complained to her, all she did was buy me three dictionaries—one humongous one, one average-sized one, and one real small one. I feel insulted.

(NOTE: Mme. Cantello would like to receive letters from her readers concerning their problems. Please address all such letters to her care of THE PATLAR, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822.)

Why do you suppose Rose is mistreating me so? And how should I handle the situation? I really love Rose.

Lana
(Atlantic City)

Lana,
Turn your hurt feelings into something productive. Rose loves you, too, and thought the dictionaries would help. Auntie Mame asked her nephew, Patrick, to keep a list of all things he didn't understand. You should do the same with words.

You might ask Rose to find ways to include you in the conversation by, perhaps, restating general ideas in your terms. But give Rose a break; she's trying, too. It's one of those intricacies that helps a relationship grow or go. Be sweet!

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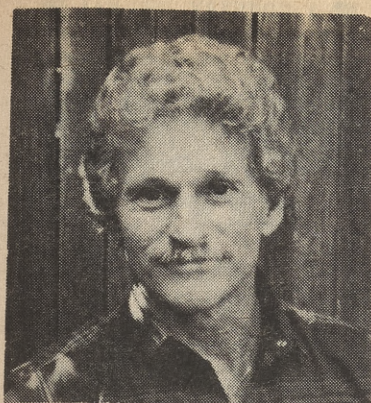
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FANTASY CAPSULE

by Mark M. Forston

"STAR EYES"

It was just after Sunset. The crimson and orange sky gave way to the shades of deep purple. Arizona sunsets were like that, beautiful and unforgettable.

No one noticed the silvery disc that glided silently from the quiet sky and touched down on the desert floor. It came to rest there in the sand as if it were waiting for something or someone.

Alex had just finished his chores and he hurried to take a shower. This was his favorite part of the day, pleasurable and uninterrupted serenity. As the warm water ran down the sleek and well-muscled body, erotic thoughts would come to mind; here they would be nurtured in those peaceful moments.

Alex was 18 years old now, not a boy any longer. The dreamy days of adolescence had given way to grown-up fantasies. It wasn't very long ago when his youthful mind had been filled with adoring thoughts of men from other planets. They were not unlike those comic-book heroes he had so totally idolized. Sometimes he would change the image of the spaceman in his mind; they were never the same, never boring.

One night, a man from Venus came to him. He was beautiful. His skin was pale, his hair was a silvery white, and his eyes held a shade of blue that could be found nowhere on earth. He possessed the body of an athlete.

Alex made love to all of them. They returned the love and always promised to see him on their next trip to earth. They lived in his mind for all his childhood days, all those different men from distant planets.

Alex was almost finished with his shower when suddenly a ringing in his ears caused him to turn off the water. He stood perfectly still and listened. It was not a true ringing, rather a low-pitched hum like a signal of some sort beckoning him. He shook his head, but couldn't dispel the signal.

Alex quickly dressed. He ran out of the house, his heart pounding, out into the velvety night. He ran as fast as he could in the direction of the signal. As he topped a distant bluff, he stopped suddenly. There, below on the desert sand,

rested the big silvery disc. Excitement coursed through his body like a million volts of electricity. He ran down the bluff and stood there, face to face with the ship.

At that moment a voice filled his head; it was the telepathic voice of the man inside communicating with him. "Hello, Alex, my name is Xzian. I have followed your signals and have found you."

Alex could scarcely believe what he was hearing. An eagerness to see what the man looked like swelled inside him.

Suddenly there was a whirring noise, a panel on the ship slid open, and a stairway projected downward. A voice bid him to enter.

At first, the light blinded him. As he walked up the stairs, he began to see the form of a beautiful young man. His features were nearly like the favorite, star-eyed Venusian. But this man was not from Venus, rather from a far more distant planet. Those eyes gazed lovingly at him and Alex returned the look.

"You see, Alex," he said, "I have dreamed of you; since I was a child, I have thought of you." It was true; Alex had come face to face with a real dream come true.

The ship rose above the desert sand and hurtled away into the deep voice of space. Where they were heading was anybody's guess. One thing was clear—they were together and would always be, in time and space.

A LOVER FOR LADY

by Jerre Frazier

Lady wasn't her real name. It's what Ramon and I called her because she reminded us of the Lady from Belvedere picture in the book we read in the sixth grade.

She's a beauty. The kind that makes you feel she might just crumble all apart if touched; like she had to be handled very, very carefully. That wasn't true, but you never got over the feeling.

She showed up during sixth grade, and it's been us three going to the same schools and same grades ever since. We did everything together: treehouse, stick ball, swimming in North Lake Park, baseball, volleyball, camping trips, and lessons. We slept together, mostly at my house, but sometimes at Ramon's house, never at Lady's house.

She'd be in the middle with one arm around me and the other around Ramon. Sometimes her slender fingers would roam over our bodies and end up between our legs; and when things began happening down there, she'd kiss Ramon, then me, and say it was "Sleep time." Ramon and I would turn toward her and let our hardness press against her hips, but she'd just go to sleep, or pretend. I was never quite sure which.

Coach wouldn't let Lady join the football squad, so Ramon and I quit and the three of us got into volleyball. Lady was about the best and she always seemed to have more fun than anybody else.

If you saw Lady's old man, you'd have to wonder if she really was a part of that family. And her mother was half drunk all the time. They lived in a real dump, but Lady was always sweet and pure looking and clean and kind of a happy but cautious spirit.

Ramon is something else, real class like his father who's the president of San Luis College, and his mom is superintendent of the city schools. They live in a fancy big house on Del Prado Circle and have a housekeeper and a yardman.

My place is just ordinary. Mom makes good money, but Dad seems to have an aversion to work. Not sure he ever held a job and don't know where his money comes from, but he seems to have it whenever he wants something.

Sometimes he has money for surprising things, like the time he carries in a young guy who looked like he'd been beat up or in an accident.

Dad put the guy in the room next to mine on the first floor. He got a doctor to come in, then medicine. He bathed the guy and fed him and slept in there with him.

He was there for at least six weeks, and Dad spent all his time with him except when he was out getting things. Once, when I walked down the hall, the door was partly open and I'm sure the two of them were kissing just like Ramon and Lady and I do.

We didn't let it bother us much, but one time Ramon and I wondered out loud where the money was coming from

for the doctor and clothes and food. If it happened Ramon and Lady weren't there, Mom and I would eat in the kitchen, but she never said a word about Dad or what was going on.

Another time when we were sort of tallying up what all that stuff was costing, Lady says, "What's the problem? He's doing it. Must be he wants to. Wanting is what makes most of us do whatever we do. So, he ain't hurting you. Let's just forget it."

Whenever we were at my house, we always came in when Mom came home and said hello and how did the day go? On one of those evenings, Dad came out when he heard us and told Mom that Bennett was well enough to have dinner with us and would she set another plate. She just said, "I'll see," as she walked toward the stairs. Dad followed, but I couldn't hear enough to understand what they were fussing about.

The guy still had some bandages and a couple of healing scars, but his manners were perfect and he apologized for his awkwardness and praised the food. Mom was cold as ice, but Ramon and Lady and I watched Dad and the young guy all through the meal, and afterward we agreed the two had some kind of togetherness which concerned only the two of them.

That was the only time Dad brought Bennett to our table. He would go in the kitchen before Mom came home and fix food and take it to the room. Ramon and Lady and I didn't let it bother us too much. But one afternoon when we were laying out on the deck, I told about seeing Dad and the other guy with arms around each other and kissing. Lady took it up right now. "I just thought that might be it," she said, "they're lovers just like you guys. Being in love makes people do all kinds of things!"

Now it was August and blazing hot. We'd been out by the pool almost all day. Lady kept beating us at diving and everything else, so Ramon and I stretched out on the deck while she went on playing around in the water.

Ramon and I looked at each other, then our hands touched and I was suddenly tingling all over. He was the most beautiful man in the world, and that meant something special to me. I just had to kiss him without Lady being there in the middle. He said, "Me too" and scooted over to me. Our arms went around each other, our lips pressed together and fireworks began exploding inside me.

What was happening was wonderful, and I didn't want Lady in between us ever anymore. It was time to explore each other's body. Nothing else was worth attention. Ramon's lips are telling me wonderful things and I am trying to answer...

Water splashes on us, we break apart and look up. Lady stands there laughing. "You two are made for each other. I've

always known that, so have fun and I really think you ought to do your love making in the house. I hate being left out. See you guys in the morning." She started walking toward the gate that opens onto the driveway.

Something was more important for me right then. I turned my lips back to Ramon's, and with one hand began fumbling with the cord of his swim trunks.

"We better go inside like she said," Ramon said pushing me away. I muttered, "I don't care who watches..."

"Hold up, Jenny!" a loud voice shouted from somewhere. We broke apart and sat up. Lady had stopped and turned toward the house. Coming through the sliding doors of the sun room was a woman I didn't know and Dad and Bennett. She was another beauty, but not like Lady. This one was dark haired, dark skinned, graceful but strong like the Ruth St. Dennis dancers.

"Jenny," Dad was almost coaxing, "Isobel wants to meet you. She's Bennett's cousin and he's told her about you. We think you two are just made for each other."

Lady, Dad always used her name of Jenny, was staring, open mouthed and reminded me of a deer about to decide on flight. "How could you know what's made for me?" she finally asked then turned as though determined to go on through the gate.

"The same way you knew about Robert and Ramon and about Bennett and me. Isobel's a lovable and loving woman, you really ought to get to know her. She's lonely just like you are."

The dark-haired one loosed her hands from the men and took a few steps toward Lady. "Please, Jenny, we can get acquainted. Bennett and Roger want to take you and me and Robert and Ramon to Bennett's place in the mountains for a couple of weeks. Be back in time for school. They told me you were beautiful, but they didn't have the right words. Please, Jenny, say yes."

Lady held that startled pose for what seemed like minutes, then screamed, "Lord, you heard me!" Then she lifted her arms heavenward and began moving across the grass toward Isobel.

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GETTIN THERE



by TOM DOLAN

Endless Courtship Syndrome

If you want to, you can blame the whole thing on Tina Turner's video. All summer, wherever I went, Tina belted out her amazing song, "What's love got to do...?" Red hair shooting in all directions, thrusting one well-turned leg in front of the other, making me think I'd go straight for that woman—and other absurdities. Tina, you might say, set me up.

That's when Ramon came along and offered me what is often referred to as "a good learning experience." Such an experience, you may know, is an essentially unpleasant one you would just as soon not have had. But since you did have it, it must have done you some good. At the very least, you tell yourself, you learned from it. You need not repeat it. My life has been full of such "good learning experiences."

This one began when I heard him laugh. The first time I heard Ramon laugh, I knew we'd have a relationship. However brief or maddening, I knew we would have one.

There I was, minding my own business, practicing safe sex at my friendly neighborhood bathhouse (practice makes perfect, you know), when who should swim into my ken but Ramon, wearing nothing but a black leather strap and an incandescent smile. When he saw me sitting there in the TV lounge, unfashionably swathed in white terry cloth and reading Flannery O'Connor's

A Good Man is Hard to Find, he exploded in laughter.

"What's so funny?" were my first words. I know because I always write down first and last words people say to each other. Ramon's first words were "I'm sorry." Coincidentally, those were his last words, too.

"I didn't think people read books anymore," he said.

"What do people read?" I asked him, uncrossing my legs.

Blueboy, *Honcho*, personal ads. Stuff like that," he said.

"What's that about?" he continued, indicating the volume in my lap.

"See for yourself," I said, offering him the O'Connor.

"Not right now," he said. "I'm sorta on a schedule."

"Oh?" I inquired without curiosity.

"I'm too antsy to read right now," he said. "I just took some MDA."

"Charming!" I observed with undetected irony.

"Maybe we can get together some time when you're not reading," he said.

Ramon thought I'd say, "I was about to take a break," or "I'll finish this some other time." What came out of my mouth was, "Maybe when you're less antsy."

He responded with a forced smile and a hallow laugh, "Good idea. I'll give you my phone number."

Thanks to those seven little digits, our bodies and lives became enmeshed in what I am forced to term yet another relationship. A relationship, though, is whatever happens between people or things. For instance, I have a relationship with my mailman (who sometimes brings me checks), with my goldfish (who practices mouths at me), and with my toothbrushes (I have more toothbrushes than anybody else I know), though I do not sleep with any of them. A relationship is a connection of any kind, however bizarre.

Over the phone Ramon and I arranged to meet in the park directly in front of the photography museum. He was twenty minutes late.

His first words that day were, "How much does it cost to get in?"

To which I replied, "It's good to see

you, too!"

"I'm sorry," he said, repeating what was fast becoming a favorite expression.

"The exhibit is two dollars," I said. ("So much for Ansel Adams," I thought.)

"I'm sure it's great," Ramon continued, "if you're into a million shades of grey."

The only thing that kept me rooted to the ground was a trembling vision in the back of my mind of a lambent figure in a black leather jockstrap.

To make a long story readable, ours was a short, intense affair. For three weeks, we felt like Siamese twins joined at the crotch.

The only time we had problems was when we got out of bed. Normally, we did not make the mistake of conversing on our way to the bedroom. On one occasion, however, Ramon did announce: "You're too good for me."

"What the hell does that mean?" said I.

"It means you should find somebody better than me," said he.

What it really means is the speaker is thinking of bailing out.

"I can put up with your bullshit if you can put up with mine," I said.

A couple of weeks later, though, it became clear Ramon was determined to move on.

"I'm tired of playing Taylor to your Burton," he said.

"I don't mind fights," I said. "Quarreling is one way of being together."

"I gotta go," he said. "Sorry."

He kissed me with the indifference of the dead.

"I'm sorry, too," I said.

What do you do when love fails? You play your Vivaldi tapes louder than ever. In the bedroom. In the bathroom. In the shower. You experiment with the effects of warm water on various parts of your anatomy. You rediscover yourself.

You leap out of bed in the morning because you don't want to lie there thinking. You cope. You've done it a million times. It's only the ECS, the *Endless Courtship Syndrome*. You hear a little voice from the wings. It's the Director saying, "If you survive this scene, you become an excellent judge of character."

In the final analysis, you decide, all you require is a man who won't irritate you.

Contemplating a world in which millions of lonely housewives sit by the phones waiting for the DJ to call with a chance to win "from one hundred to one thousand dollars in cash" if they can name that tune, you're reminded that it's hope that keeps us going.

It's as if life were nothing but an ocean studded with lovely little islands. Somehow you manage to swim to one of these just as it sinks beneath turquoise waves capped with foam. You may have a few moments on the beach in the sun, sipping a fruity drink (possibly flavored with honey) from a coconut shell.

Inevitably, however, your lovely island sinks, and you must set out for the next one, which (if you're lucky) you may be permitted to enjoy before it, too, sinks, swallowed by sparkling water.

The essence of life is struggle. Once you see and accept that, life become bearable. You don't expect heaven on earth. It's never that. Not for anybody.

U.S. Justices Hear A Case Concerned With Gay Rights

The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to decide before July the merits of an Oklahoma law that permits teachers to be discharged if they publicly support homosexuality.

Under the law, public school teachers may be discharged for encouraging or promoting public or private homosexual activity in ways that might draw the attention of school children. The Oklahoma law defines homosexuality as sodomy, which is a crime under Oklahoma state law.

The case was brought to the Supreme Court by the Oklahoma City School Board. The Board argued that students have the right to learn traditional values and that teachers must not encourage them to commit any crime.

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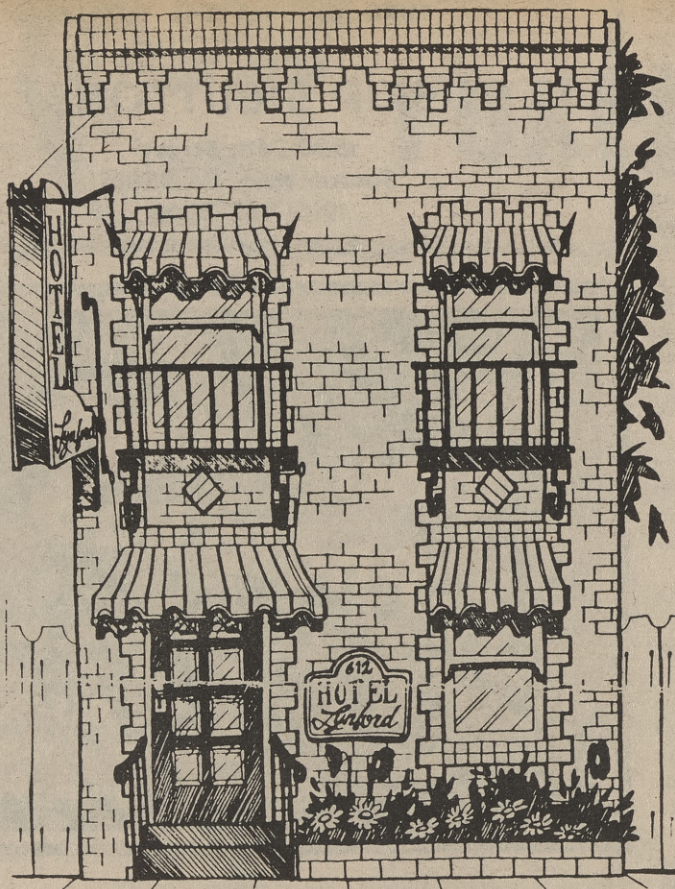


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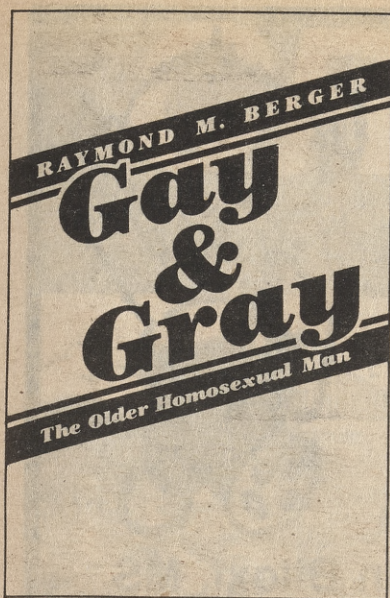
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"Books, Books, Books!"

Gay & Gray, Raymond M. Berger, Boston: Alyson Publications, Inc. 1982, 234 pp. \$7.95 paperback.

Reviewed by Joliff Weston

Being both gay and gray myself, I was intrigued when I first spied the title of this book. After reading the book, I'm convinced that it should be required reading for most gay men under the age of 35. By "most," I mean those thoughtful gay men who realize that they, too, may eventually be gay and gray. (I'm not at all convinced that a large percentage of the young gay men in our culture realize that that will happen to them, believing as some apparently do that they will either self-destruct at age forty or that somehow the clock will stop for them and that they will forever remain gay and firm-bodied with a full head of vividly colored hair.)

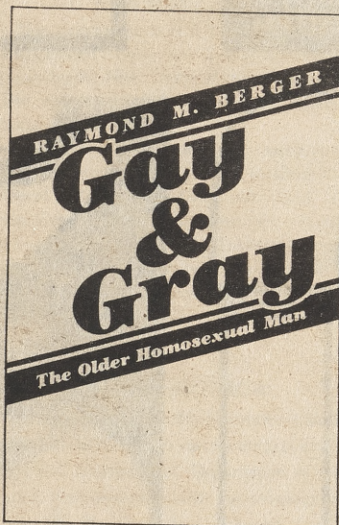
This book is not light reading and was never intended to be. It is actually a report of the findings of a four-year study conducted recently by a young college professor who says in his preface: "In my studies the greatest grievance, it seems to me, has been the way older gay men and lesbians have been relegated to a land where they are never seen or heard from. Like the Amerasian child of the conflict in Southeast Asia, the older homosexual is not wanted by either side—by the gerontologists or the homosexuals." In his Introduction, he elaborates: "...The increasing attention which is now being paid to the elderly, and to homosexuals as a group, has not extended to older homosexuals. When gerontologists talk about the elderly, they mean heterosexual elderly; when gay rights advocates talk about homosexuals, they mean young homosexuals. The homosexuals who began to disclose their identities publicly on a large scale in the 1970's were mostly young; they now constitute the public stereotype of the homosexual, while large numbers of their elders continue their lives unnoticed." Sober thoughts, especially when one considers the fact that there are an estimated million homosexual men over the age of sixty-five in the United States today.

Dr. Berger's study included 112 males, 86.6% of whom rated themselves as being "exclusively homosexual" with the remaining 13.4% rating themselves as "primarily homosexual." The youngest was forty-one and the oldest seventy-seven.

As one would expect in a report like this, much space is taken up with the presentation and interpretation of data

and statistics designed to put the older homosexual man in perspective and to answer relevant questions, in this case: What are older homosexual men like? and What leads to psychological and social adjustment?

However, by far the most interesting to me were individual chapters devoted to in-depth, life-history-type interviews with six respondents: Matthew, William, Mike, Arthur, David, and Scott. Not all of these men come across in an entirely sympathetic way even to gray-headed me, and I seriously doubt that younger gay men will be able to identify, much less sympathize, with some of them. In fact, I had a youngish—31—acquaintance read these chapters; his most telling remark, so indicative of the generation gap, was: "Why did those guys put up what all that crap. I certainly wouldn't have."



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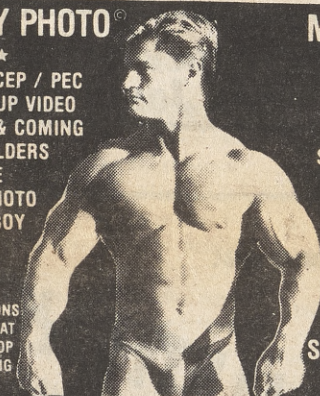
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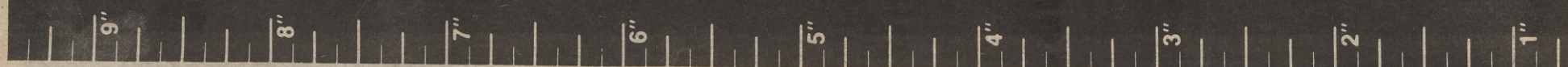
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OKLAHOMA CITY

A new gay community center opened recently in Oklahoma City. The center is called Oasis and organizations or businesses interested in having a voice in its activities should request to serve on the Advisory Board of Directors and/or become active members.

Oasis will be open in the PM, 6-11 Monday thru Thursday, 6-12 Friday, 12-12 Saturday, and 12-6 Sunday. The staff members are volunteers and individuals are invited to drop by to offer suggestions or a helping hand.

For more information, contact: Vikki Duke or Bill Grudier, Oasis Community Center, 2135 NW 39th, Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

ST. PAUL

The 1986 Gay and Lesbian Winter Olympic Games, which were to be held in Minnesota, have been cancelled due to organizational problems. The organizing committee has closed its St. Paul office. The games had been scheduled to precede the summer activities to be held in San Francisco that year.

Minnesota organizers sought to host winter games after the success of the first summer games in San Francisco two years ago. Several factors contributed to the demise of the winter games, but the main reasons were financial ones.

It is still possible to hold the games, perhaps in 1987, after the summer events rather than before, but commentators speculated that it is highly improbable.

FRESNO

Harriette Ramos, whose music was popular at both the 1983 and 1984 Cal NOW State Conferences, has released a cassette tape of her original feminist songs. The tape, entitled *The View Is Well Worth The Climb*, includes "It's A Man's World (Unless Women Vote)" and "Women On The Rise," the '83 conference theme. To order a tape, send \$8 (tax and shipping included) with your name and address to: Harriette Ramos, 1612 West Robinson, Fresno, CA 93705.

SAN FRANCISCO

A predominantly gay Legion Post called the Alexander Hamilton Veterans Organization was approved recently the American Legion in San Francisco.

Post status was previously denied to the group. However, the district Legion membership committee reversed itself and accepted the application. The Hamilton's commander is Paul Hardman, a well-known gay activist.

PORTLAND, MAINE

A scholarship in memory of Charles O. Howard, the gay man murdered in Bangor, Maine in July 1984 because of his sexual orientation, has been established by the Gay People's Alliance (GPA), a student organization of the University of Southern Maine. The Charles O. Howard Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually to the writer who best articulates, in essay form, the importance of civil rights for lesbians and gay men. Donations to the scholarship fund can be made to the Gay People's Alliance, 92 Bedford Street, Portland, Maine 04103.

PALM SPINGS

Fred Hardt, citing financial problems and lack of response to a facility he describes as ahead of its time, announced recently that he is shutting down his hotel for AIDS victims. He has put the hotel up for sale.

Hardt isn't giving up on the concept of a residence for AIDS victims, however, saying: "In the future, when there are 20,000 to 30,000 (cases), a facility of this nature will be needed." But the clientele apparently does not exist right now.

The hotel, believed to be the nation's only private enterprise facility for AIDS patients, could have accommodated up to 17 guests, but only received two.

ANTIOCH

A gay bias lawsuit was settled recently in Antioch. The suit was brought by two retired hairdressers who said they were not permitted to move into a mobile-home park because they are gay.

Robert Grimes, 62, and Robert Hoag, 58, were awarded \$14,000 in a settlement out of court. They sought legal damages after they were told in December 1980 that unrelated persons of the same sex were not allowed to live together at the Vista Diablo Mobile Home Park.

The two men claimed their civil rights had been violated. Attorneys for the two men and for the former owner of the mobile-home park agreed to settlement in Contra Costa County Superior Court.

PHILADELPHIA

The development of a \$4 million plus Gay and Lesbian Community Center is being proposed by the New Center Project Committee. The opening of the Center is expected to occur in June 1987.

The Project Committee began work on the proposal in early 1984 after the previous location at 222 S. Camac Street was closed. The new Center will serve both gay men and lesbians and will operate as a self-sustaining entity offering a sliding-fee scale for services and will maintain an attractive, clean, safe and professionally run appearance.

SANTA MONICA

A supplemental health insurance plan for potential AIDS victims was recently approved by the California state Department of Insurance. Approval to provide the coverage was given to the Santa Monica-based Coastal Insurance Company.

The state Insurance Department took some time investigating the \$194 annual premium. Coastal says the policy would pay up to \$73,000 a year.

The Coastal Insurance Co.'s policy for AIDS is the first in California but the second in the nation. The first was offered by Provident American Insurance of Dallas.

The plan is designed to supplement coverage by regular medical insurance.

ST. LOUIS

The St. Louis Gays Without Partners (GWP) meets at 2:30 PM each Sunday in a second-floor meeting room at the First Unitarian Church located at 5007 Waterman Blvd.

GWP, Inc. welcomes both men and women of all ages who are interested in meeting new people in a friendly social setting. It is not a dating service. Meetings are casual and persons may attend without establishing membership. There is a \$5 admission charge to cover costs.

The organization is neither political nor religious. Most meetings consist of panel discussions, special speakers, and/or group discussions with socializing following the main program.

For further information about GWP, Inc., call (314) 241-1691.

RICHMOND

Recently The Virginia Supreme Court ruled that a parent living with a homosexual partner is not fit to have custody of a child because the youngster would be burdened by "social condemnation." The court said the girl, 10, could not visit her father's home as long as he resides with a homosexual lover.

LOS ANGELES

An organization for American Gay and Lesbian veterans invites persons to become members if they served (or are serving) in the US service, regardless of discharge status. The organization, VETERANS C.A.R.E. (Veterans Council for American Rights and Equality) is a non-profit, mutual-benefit coporation of gay and lesbian veterans and their friends. VETERANS C.A.R.E. was established to demonstrate the historical contributions of gays and lesbians in the Armed Services. Also, the organization educates elected officials, governing bodies, the Armed Forces, other veterans' organizations, and the American people about these contributions.

For more information, write C.A.R.E., Dept. P, PO Box 69961, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

WEST HOLLYWOOD

Barney's Beanery has removed a sign reading "Fagots Stay Out" from its bar and ceased the distribution of similarly engraved matchbooks. The action was taken to comply with the wishes of the new City Council.

The sign had been removed in the early 1970s after Gay Liberation members protested, but the sign and matchbooks were revived later.

The owner said he agreed to stop using the slogan to avoid a legal battle that would not serve the best interest of West Hollywood or Barney's Beanery.

The matchbook covers and sign violated an ordinance outlawing discrimination against homosexuals.

Restaurant employees have said that fagot means a bundle of wood and that the derogatory reference toward gays is normally spelled with two "g's."

CLEAR LAKE

by Rick Spring

The weather in Clear Lake has been absolutely great lately, with sunshine and temperatures in the sixties. People have been enjoying "The Patio" at Gene's Sunset Point Saloon in the afternoon—in the middle of winter no less! The resorts are already sprucing up for summer!

The Cabaret will have a pool tournament every Thursday night in February at 8 PM. The Second Annual Sleaze Award Party will be on the 16th.

A partial schedule for Gene's Saloon for February includes the following: 6th, free spaghetti feed at 6 PM; 9th free movie 2-4; 14th Valentine Party with free buffet at 6; 16th free movie (Rocky Horror). And there is a champagne brunch every Sunday from 10 to 3.

There is always plenty to do in Clear Lake, so drop by and stay awhile.

SEATTLE

by Phil Salem

The United States Transvestite-Transsexual Contact Service, which has over 12,000 members, recently opened its first west coast branch in Seattle. The USTV-TS Contact Service is located at 1017 B. East Pike Street and offers free membership to TVs, TSs, gay crossdressers, female impersonators, women admirers, and male admirers. Free information and referral on topics ranging from hormones to electrolysis is available on a 24-hour hotline (206) 624-8266.

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BATON ROUGE

The Louisiana sodomy law is under attack by the state's branch of the American Civil Liberties Union and the Lambda Legal Defense Fund.

The law, which was enacted in 1805, prohibits "unnatural carnal copulation," and has been interpreted by the Louisiana Supreme Court as meaning oral or anal sex. Such acts between consenting adults—including married couples—in private are felonies with a maximum penalty of \$2000 and/or five years in prison.

Two gay men, two lesbians, and a married couple are plaintiffs in the suit. It is believed that the statute is the legal foundation for anti-gay discrimination in the state.

DAYTON

The National Federation of Parents & Friends of Gay (NF/PFOG) wants to establish a chapter in Dayton/Northern Miami Valley area.

The NG/PFOG was organized in August 1980 to serve the needs of individuals and families concerned with variant sexualities. Its primary outreach is to parents and families of gay persons. It also counsels others who are concerned and attempting to understand and/or cope with homosexuality and related issues including: children and spouses of gays, gay youth, abused and abandoned gays, and gays who are parents.

EUREKA

A Phone Tree is available in the Humboldt area for women who want to know what's happening in the community. The Phone Tree has information about events such as women's picnics, pot-lucks, parties, and concerts. For information, call Doty or Sherry at (707) 822-0563.



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The new study, co-authored by Dr. Robert Anderson, Director of the Men's Health Project, and Dr. Jay A. Levy of the University of California at San Francisco, is believed to be more representative of gay men in that city than were earlier studies.

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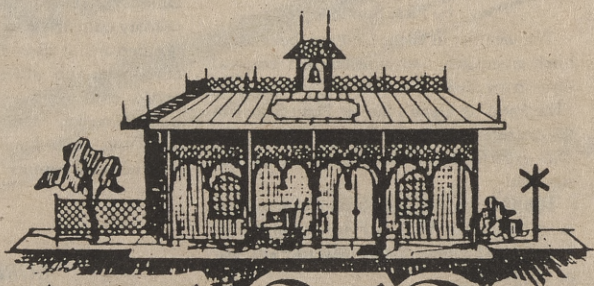
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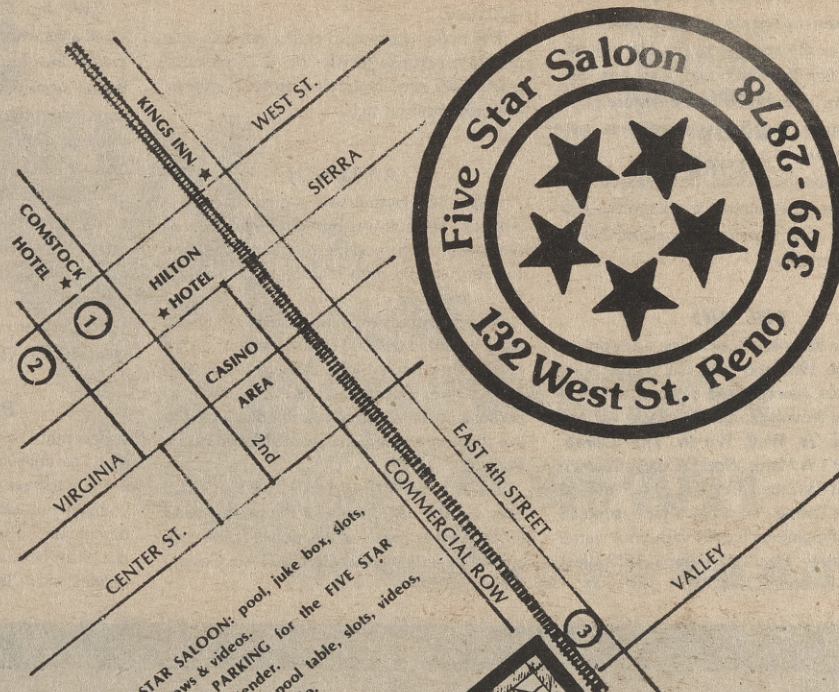
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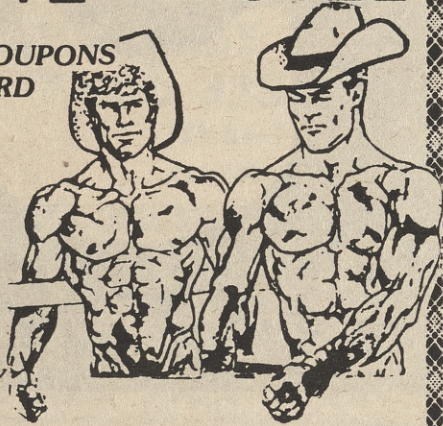
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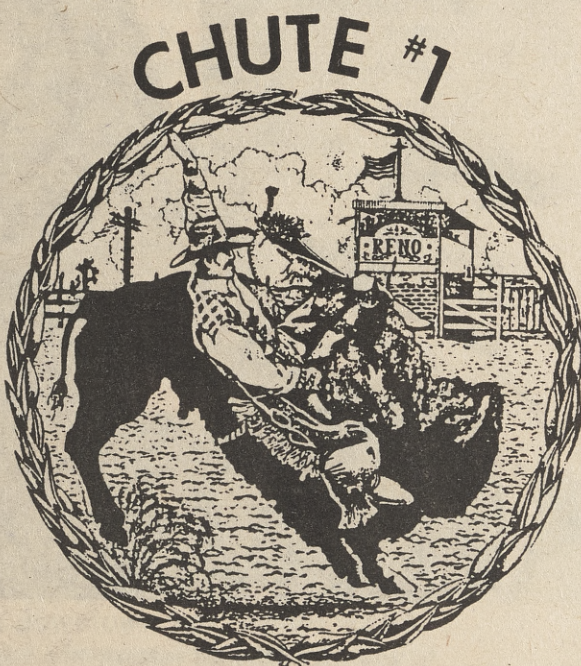
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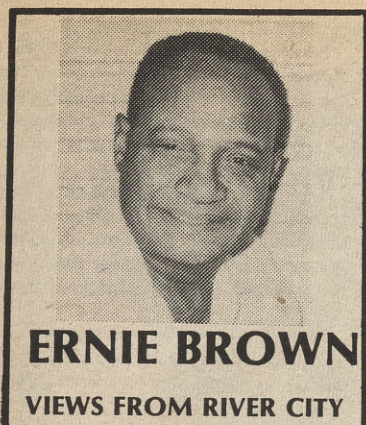
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"All things are admired either because they are new or because they are great." I've heard that a dude named Bacon said that or at least something like that. I think it's a beautiful choice of words to describe my feelings about **Lavender Heights Prom '85**. It was new and it was great. This gay prom was a dream come true for one of our outstanding citizens, **MOD**. So with help from Lance, Ed & Kevin (co-producers), she pulled it off. Hopefully this will become an annual event. Thanks a bunch, **MOD**!... There are a lot of things coming up

this month in Sacto, so let's get on with it...Don't overlook the Gay Film Festival Feb 13-16 at the Tower Theatre. They've scheduled some biggies. Call the theatre for titles and times...This month the Sierra Oaks New Covenant Christian Church is offering a 3-part seminar entitled **"Scripture & Homosexuality: No Condemnation."** Workshops will be held from 1-3 on Sundays. For more info, call (916) 393-4346 or write PO Box 161690, Sacramento 95816...The K-St bar now has a new location at 20th and L Sts, kitty-corner across from the Mercantile. Bar open 11-2 daily. Disco starts at 9 Mon-Sat, 7 Sun...The Wreck Room also has a new address at 2515 Broadway. Their schedule will remain the same. Feb 14 they are having a Valentine Day Massacre Party...There is a new gay bar located at 2565 Franklin Blvd named "Once In A Blue Moon." It's a full-liquor bar, has a big dance floor & coming soon, food! It's going to be a boys & girls clientele. And it's about time...The Forum gym will host a 1950 Valentine Day Sock Hop with Best Couples, Best Costumes prizes. King & Queen will be chosen to reign over the festivities. Adm: stag \$1.50, drag \$2.00...There will be an auction at the Mercantile Saloon Mon Feb 25 starting at 8 PM, benefit for the new Mercantile Saloon Senators Softball Team...Bobbette is having a taco feed Feb 12 starting at noon, benefit for SAGA II...All you

pisceans out there, your time has come. Yes, this is going to be our 6th Annual Piscean Party to be held at the Mercantile Saloon Mon, Mar 4 starting at 4 PM. All Pisceans should sign up with me (Ernie Brown) at the Mer...OK, listen up all you would-be entertainers: Your Time Has Come! "DEBUTS" WILL EXPOSE YOU!! A talent showcase for 'new' performers, presented by Closet Ball Queen '84 "Gwen." The date: Feb 24; entry deadline Feb 22. Where? At Bojangles lounge (where else?) starting at 7:30 PM. Cash prizes plus command performer for Coronation '85. Phone number for entry info is (916) 443-4260 and ask for Ed Walker. There will be a \$3 donation for this evening's entertainment. Proceeds benefit C.G.N.I.E...Knights of Malta, Pony Express Chapter, will host a bingo night at the Buffalo Club on Feb 4 starting at 8 PM; cash blackout proceeds go to The Community Flag Bearers. Keep your eyes & ears open for more fun-filled functions coming from said Knights...The Valley Knights Motorcycle Club is holding a "Spring Fling Raffle." First place prize will be a weekend in Reno, second place a weekend in San Fran. Drawing will be held March 23, location to be announced. Donation: \$1. Proceeds to go to four organizations: AIDS/KS, SAGA II, Valley Knights M.C., & American Red Cross.

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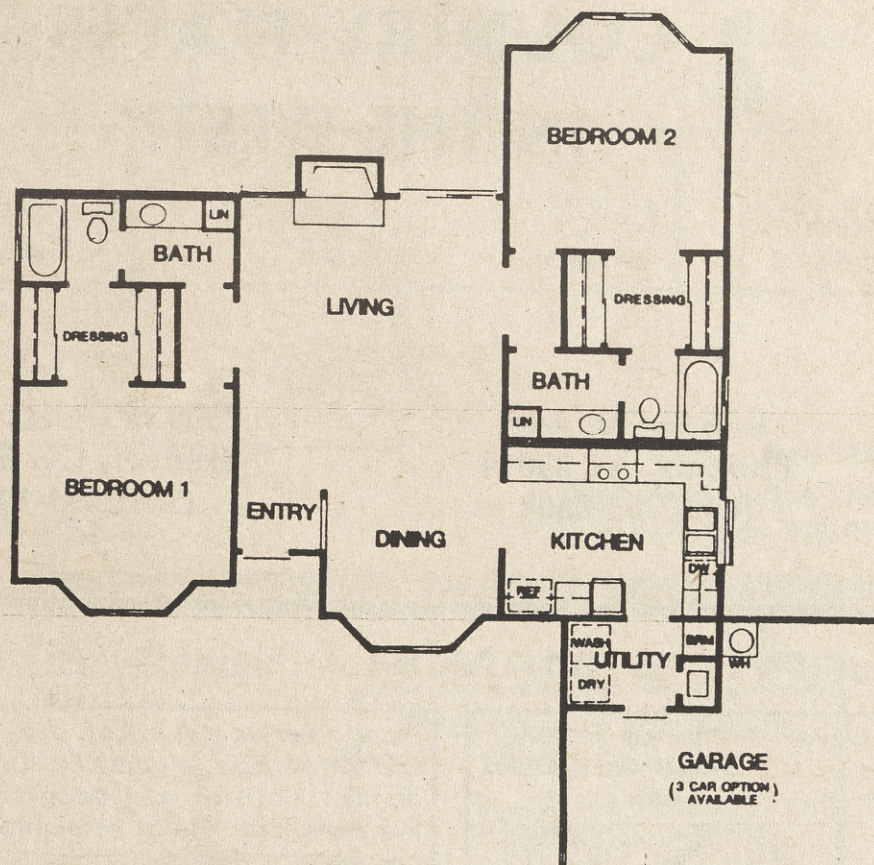
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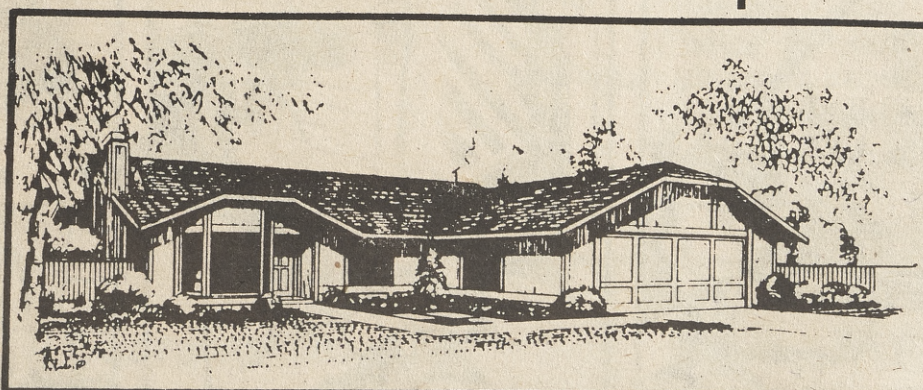
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The proposals were defeated by margins of more than four to one in the referendum.

Members of Houston's homosexual community said they were not discouraged. And gay activists said they would continue to screen candidates for political office and provide help to those endorsed. Opponents of the measures pledged to campaign against officials who supported them.

OAKLAND

Telegraph Avenue between 20th and 24th streets in Oakland is evolving into an area of gay businesses. The change has taken place slowly over the past three years along mostly

commercial Telegraph Avenue.

Recently, the opening of a third gay bar in the area make it one of the most concentrated gay-bar sections of the city, catering to a heavily black clientele. In addition, there are two adult bookstores in the area which are patronized by both straights and gays.

The relative ease in transferring liquor licenses, zoning, and proximity to public transportation have been cited as reasons for gay bars to move into the area. Estimates of the gay population in Oakland go as high as 35,000.

In addition to the three gay bars on upper Telegraph, there are about eight other gay and lesbian establishments scattered around Oakland.

The upper Telegraph bars reflect the variety of gay lifestyles. One is an ethnically mixed, upscale gay bar and eatery, another is a youth-oriented black gay disco, and the third is a gathering place for gay men where cross-dressing is acceptable.

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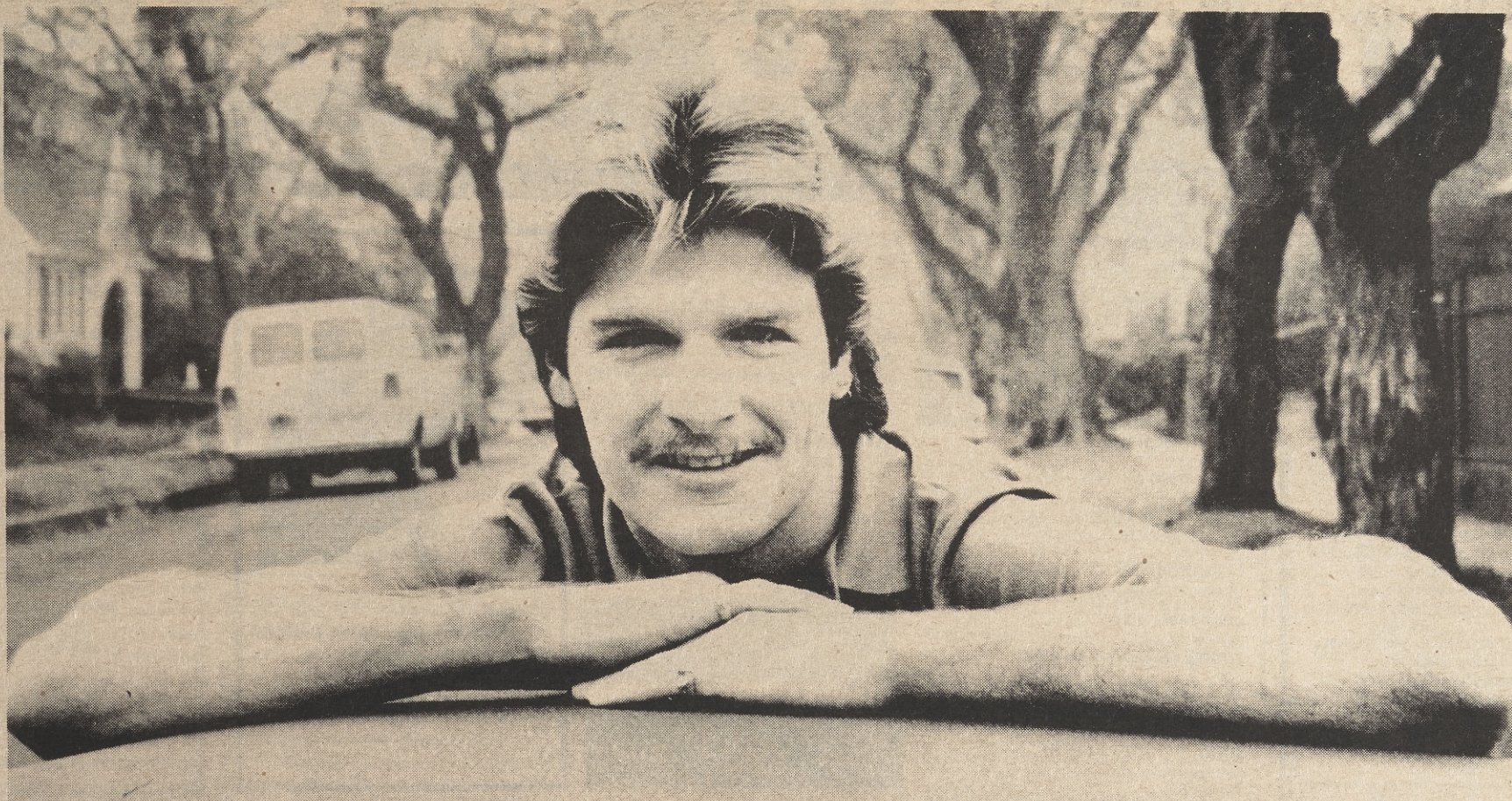
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PERSONAL

WOMEN'S Stress Alternatives pres-
ents two workshops: (1) Coming Out Is
Not Just A Lesbian Issue (Kristi Ellis)
Wed. Feb. 6, 1985 7-9 PM. (2) Alterna-
tives To The Bar: Choices For Lesbian
Women (Community Resources Pres-
ented) Wed. Feb. 13, 1985 7-9 PM.
Sacramento Women's Bldg. Info: (916)
448-2951.

REAL FOLKS (and bozos), cute, con-
scious, positive, likeable, affectionate
male into: body, mind, being silly, hon-
est, and loving. Write R. F. & B., PL-107,
c/o THE PATLAR.

FOR REAL—older GWM, retired or
with some income desired needing a
place to live among like life style; board
and room in the country in exchange for
care & help with household, yard, veget-
able garden. Some mechanical skill; you
may putter around in the shop with
motorcycles, trucks, farm & garden
tractors, chainsaws, etc. You name it,
you can do it here. Must have clean
habits, high ideals, be quiet, discreet,
serious, compatible, a doer and a giver,
clean shaven, short hair, be a straight-
acting person in good health of average
normal weight, have a real need to care
and to be cared for, some musical talent
and sense of humor, proud, willing to
share. Yours truly likewise. Reply to
Ranch #1, PL-102, c/o The Patlar, PO
Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822.

GWM 18-40, cattleman, ranchhand,
self-starter, live one, jack of all trades,
capable, willing, responsible, must have
some experience, nominal allowance,
relationship hoped for. Read the above
ad; it applies here, too. Reply to Ranch
#2, PL-103, c/o THE PATLAR, PO Box
22402, Sacramento, CA 95822.

PROF w/m 34, 5'8" 140 gdlkg, masc,
honest seeks same. Bob, Box 1351,
Santa Barbara, CA 93102.

GWM 34 6' 1" looking to meet same
25-35, write to PO Box 5704, Phoenix,
AZ 85010 (send photo with what you
have to offer).

**LOVING, WARM, AFFECTION-
ATE BI FEMALE**, early forties, wants
to meet other bi-sexual men and women
and gay females for friendship and dat-
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GWM, 34, 6'1", 180 lbs, looking for
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I enjoy all types of music, jogging, lift
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computers. Interested men in the Sacto
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GWM 30 yrs old black hr very cute and
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NOT A LOT OF TIME: GWM keeps
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FEBRUARY 20
NO MEETING

FEBRUARY 27
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BI/M 36 5-10 165 good body considered
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B/WM 36 slim attrac prof seek oriental
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SUBMISSIVE GWM mid 30s seeks
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W/M, 32, 5' 8", 140, masc, adika, prof
seeks same. Bob, Box 1351, Santa Bar-
bara, CA 93102.

LET'S TAKE TIME: GWM wants to
develop a lasting relationship the way
lasting relationships were meant to be
developed—slowly, naturally, enjoya-
bly, and without pressure. If you feel the
same way, let's date, do things we like to
do, talk, and see what happens. Write
Jerry, c/o PATLAR, PO Box 22402,
Sacramento, CA 95822.

FEMALE DESIRES TO MEET, same
40 and over in Yuba-Sutter Counties &
vicinity. Need to be discreet. Write
F.D.T.M., PL-104, c/o THE PATLAR,
PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822.

BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN GIRL seeks
exotic discipline from right older woman
or women—Maria, Box 22552, St.
Louis, MO 63147. Can travel or
entertain.

TO JACK in Portland (Reno), hope all
is going well for you. Be My Valentine!
Larry.

HOT TALL together blue eyed blond
40 w/home in Marin no. of San Fran-
cisco seeks passive friend or lover w/
dark hair & eyes to enjoy life with. Carl
(415) 461-4611.

OVER 30 GWM ret. or w/some
income. Live on homestd w/same. No
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when you visited California. Please call.
Linda.

LET'S BUILD TOGETHER! I am
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an intimate relationship. I prefer an
attractive, quiet and sincere man who is
mature enough for a stable relationship.
I am sincere, quiet with a positive out-
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PAUL, I luv and need you. We had a
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B/W COUPLE interested in meeting
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Interested parties 6938 Franklin Blvd.,
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GAY COUPLE, early 30's, wishes to
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GWM 27, 5' 10", 150. Looking for
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GWM 30 5' 7" 35 black hair very cute
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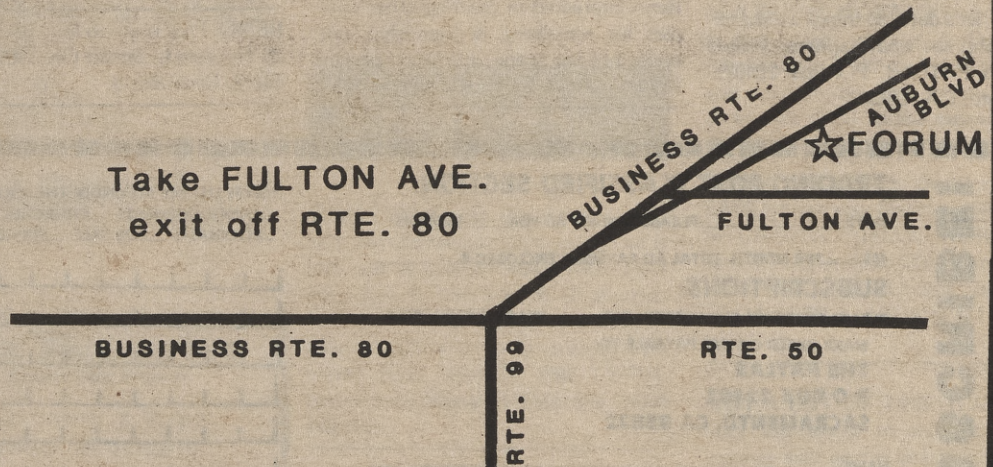
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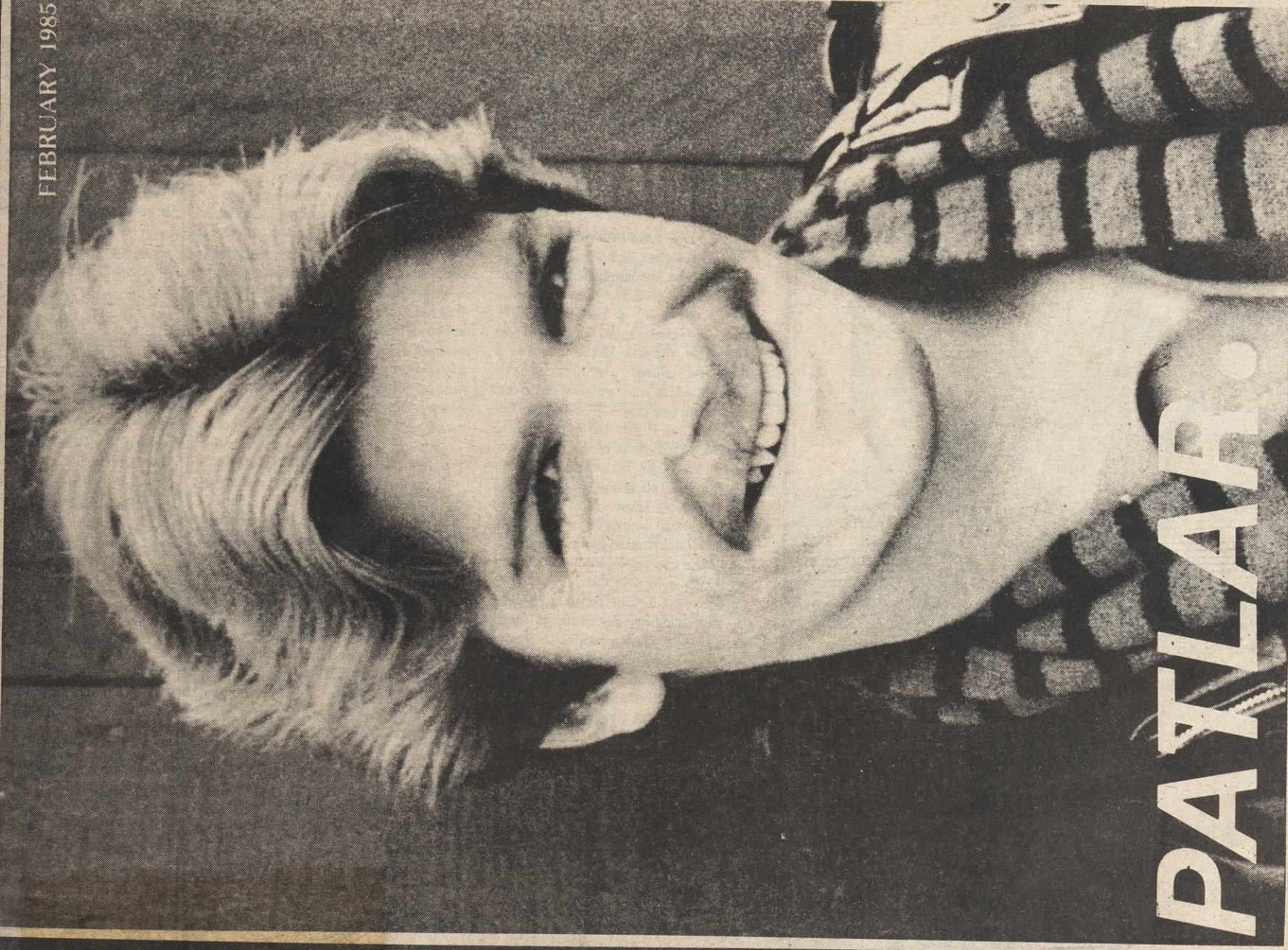


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